## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shoutarou YODA

Serial No.: New Application

Filed: August 30, 2000

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM AND METHOD

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 30, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 6, Line 15, delete "5", and insert in place therefor, -- 4 --.

Claim 12, Line 6, delete "11", and insert in place therefor, -- 10 --.

Claim 18, Line 26, delete "17", and insert in place therefor, -- 16 --.

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